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st. patrick's  
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



It's been a very good year.

If I may reflect.....from the Change of Watch and the MHPS hosted District 2 Spring Conference which brought challenges to a new Squadron and District Commander in March to a fun time had by all in Athens, New York in July and from the Public Boating Class in May which signed aboard eight new members who are already involved in meetings and classes to our traditional holiday party in December, there was never a dull moment.

We were able to welcome our new members and interest our veterans with many well planned meetings and activities this past year. Our education program is enhanced with several upgraded courses bringing them more in line with modern technology, and, of course, safer and therefore better boating continues to serve as our mission.

As you know, I had the honor of attending the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando this year. There I met members from around the nation, all committed to the same cause....safer boating through education. Not only am I looking forward to next years meeting, but am anxious to practice some of the new ideas and plans for the future.

Finally, it has been an honor serving as your Squadron Commander this past year. My commitment to USPS and to the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron will continue for a long time. I once told a Squadron Commander, in my early days, that I would serve in whatever capacity is necessary for our success. This is true today as it was then. I want to extend special thanks to my bridge officers and the Executive Committee for a fine job during my watch. It was a pleasure working with all of you and you made it a very good year.

Commander George Danko

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*Your Squadron needs Your help!** The merchants you deal with most likely will support the annual Squadron auction (8 Apr 2006) with a donation. IF asked personally. Call Don Gladstone (845-485-5204) or email him at (BeGlad1@AOL.com) to get a personalized request letter; which indicates our non-profit 501 (c) (3) tax status which makes donations tax deductible; and to check the list of contacts to be made.

**\*\*A Weather Course will be beginning March 9 at 7pm at the CYC.** This course is not offered very often, but it is necessary for the full certificate completion so sign up now! Call George G. at 838-1559 for more info.

# BOATING EDUCATION AT ITS BEST BY USPS

## *Improve your Boating Skills!*

Courses that improve your feeling of comfort because you will have gained the knowledge and skills that will need when things go blah. Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Sail, Piloting, Curies Planning and a whole lot more. All courses have been updated with the latest technology so keep your skills up to date. Take a course. The Americas Boating Course for the public will start on March 28. Classes will run for five weeks. Time will be 7 to 9 PM. Location is Haviland Middle School, 23 Haviland Rd. Hyde Park.

The NautiBender this month is a piloting question and is covered in our Piloting course.

Nautical chart lettering-  
Slanted lettering is used  
to label all information  
about objects that are  
affected by \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer to be found else-  
where in this issue.

Richard Winchell, SEO  
Michele Tarsa, ASEO



*"We may be lost, but we're sure making good time!"*

## ATTENTION 12 GAUGE FLARE LAUNCHER OWNERS

*From the Orion Signals web site, Please read the following notice:*

We have received calls from customer regarding the US Coast Guard Alert issued on older model 12-Gauge launchers. There has been a low incidence of the barrel sticking in the open position on launchers manufactured prior to 2000 and launchers bearing the "Olin" brand name. Orion did modify the Olin design and received a new US Coast Guard Approval; newer launchers have the Coast Guard Approval on the left-hand side just above the trigger. If your launcher is stamped: USCG APP. 160 028/12/1 you have an updated model.

Orion Safety Products warrantees all launchers for the life of the product. If at any time the product fails, return it and we will replace it NO CHARGE. We recommend all launchers be checked each year prior to the boating season to be sure it is fully functional, to do so:

- \*BE SURE THE FIRING PIN IS NOT COCKED.
- \*Open the barrel and slide a 12-Gauge Orion signal into the barrel.
- \*Check that the signal is fully inserted into the barrel.
- \*Close the barrel.
- \*If the barrel fully closes and snaps shut, your launcher is in good operating order. Open the barrel and REMOVE THE SIGNAL AND SAFELY STORE IT WITH YOUR OTHER SIGNALS.
- \*If the barrel does not fully close, DO NOT FORCE IT, check that the signal is pushed all the way into the barrel. If this does not help, REMOVE THE SIGNAL AND SAFELY STORE IT WITH YOUR OTHER SIGNALS. This would indicate that your launcher needs to be replaced.

### TO RETURN YOUR LAUNCHER FOR NO CHARGE REPLACEMENT:

CHECK THAT THE LAUNCHER BARREL IS EMPTY; DO NOT RETURN ANY SIGNALS WITH THE LAUNCHER.  
Pack the launcher and ship it to: (It is not necessary to contact our customer service department)

Orion Safety Products  
Launcher Replacement  
3157N 500W  
Peru, IN 46970

**UPON RECEIPT A NEW LAUNCHER WILL BE SHIPPED TO YOU.**

If special circumstances exist please contact our customer service department at:  
mcustomerservice@orionsignals.com or call 800 851 5260



**MHPS ANNUAL MEETING:  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS & CHANGE OF WATCH**

*Come and exercise your democratic right to vote!*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, IDES OF MARCH, 1830 (6:30)**

*Where?* **GREENBAUM & GILHOOLEY'S RESTAURANT**

1379 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, 845-297-9700

*Cost:* **\$24 PER PERSON**

**MEAL CHOICES:**

*Prime Rib  
Stuffed Chicken  
Broiled Sole  
Corned Beef & Cabbage*



**MEAL INCLUDES:**

*Soup  
Salad  
Dessert  
Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink*

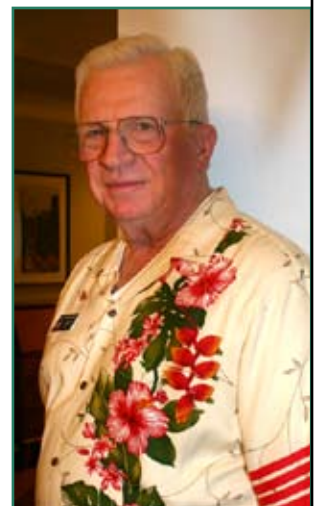
**DRESS CODE: UNIFORM A OR APPROPRIATE WITH A GREEN BOW TIE**

*RSVP to Pat at 845-889-4242 or [Lymey2@aol.com](mailto:Lymey2@aol.com) by March 10.*

*Answer to this month's NautiBender: Tide changes or current*

**DESSERT AT THE MANGLESDORFS, FEBRUARY 2006 MEMBER MEETING**

*Friday, February 17th, 2006*



NEED SOME NEW STUFF FOR YOUR BOAT?

SET A COURSE FOR THE  
MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON'S 34TH ANNUAL

# MARINE AUCTION

AND SOCIAL NIGHT (AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING)  
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY

FOR 33 YEARS THE MOST HIGHLY ATTENDED EVENT  
OF THE MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON



IT'S SATURDAY  
APRIL 8TH AT  
ST. JAMES CHURCH  
680 ALBANY POST RD,  
HYDE PARK, NY



**NEW**  
MARINE ITEMS  
WILL BE AUCTIONED!  
INSPECTION IS 6:30-7:00 PM  
FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE DURING  
THE AUCTION!

☆ **PLEASE** BRING  
DONATIONS TO BE SOLD  
AT AUCTION!  
YOU CAN ALSO BRING  
A COVERED DISH FOR THE  
**POTLUCK SUPPER**

FROM 5:30-6:30 PM  
**ALSO,**

**BRING COOKIES,  
CAKES, PIES & OTHER  
GOODIES FOR THE  
BAKE SALE**

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DON GLADSTONE

65 HOLT RD.

HYDE PARK, N.Y. 12538

beglad1@aol.com

AUCTION ENTRY FEE \$5.00



# 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MARSHALL BISHOP, S.N.

*Hillside Manor, February 24th, 2006*

